



CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

A RESOLUTION BY

01-R-0222

COUNCILMEMBER MICHAEL BOND, *Clara Hunslow*

Jim Moley *John Starnes* *Don Shible* *Victor Cop* *Clara Hunslow*

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING BODY TO ESTABLISH A TAX LIEN SALE COMMISSION AND TO REQUEST THAT THE MAYOR CONVENE A MEETING IN FEBRUARY, 2001 WITH CITY OF ATLANTA OFFICIALS, CITY OF DEKALB COUNTY OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IN ORDER TO DISCUSS A PROCESS FOR EXCLUDING THE TAX LIENS ON PROPERTIES OF SENIOR CITIZENS FROM BEING AUTOMATICALLY SOLD TO THIRD PARTIES; TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS OF REVIEW BY AN APPOINTED BODY COMPOSED OF THESE JURISDICTIONS BEFORE ANY SENIOR CITIZENS' PROPERTY IS SOLD; TO INQUIRE INTO THE AMOUNT OF FEES ALLOWED TO BE ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT TAX LIEN AMOUNT; TO INQUIRE INTO THE PROCESS BY WHICH HOMEOWNERS ARE NOTIFIED OF THE ORIGINAL TAX LIENS TO ASSURE THAT THESE HOMEOWNERS ARE RECEIVING APPROPRIATE NOTICE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Atlanta is receiving numerous complaints, particularly from senior citizens, of tax liens that are sold to numerous buyers while simultaneously increasing the amount of the tax lien; and

WHEREAS, these senior citizens and other low income persons, after having difficulty paying the original amount of taxes, find it impossible to pay the tax liens once the amount is greatly inflated through each subsequent sale to buyers of these tax liens; and

WHEREAS, homeowners have complained that they suspect that the inflated prices of the liens may be illegal and should be investigated by the appropriate governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is interested in determining if the practices surrounding the sale of these tax liens has inappropriately deprived long time homeowners, particularly our senior citizens, the ability to maintain ownership of their properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1.



To authorize the governing body to establish a Tax Lien Sale Commission and to request that the Mayor convene a meeting in February, 2001 composed of City Of Atlanta officials, City Of Dekalb County officials, members of the Fulton County Board Of Commissioners and the Tax Assessor's Office in order to discuss a process for excluding the tax liens on properties of senior citizens from being automatically sold to third parties.

SECTION 2.

To establish a process of review by an appointed body composed of these jurisdictions before any senior citizens' property is sold.

SECTION 3.

That this appointed body shall inquire into the amount of fees allowed to be added to the original amount tax lien amount, particularly when sold multiple times, and that they inquire into the process by which homeowners are notified of the original tax liens to assure that these homeowners are receiving appropriate notice.

SECTION 4.

That a report of this appointed body with appropriate recommendations be submitted to the Council and the Mayor no later than June 1, 2001.

SECTION 5.

That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

A true copy,

Phonda Daughtrich Johnson
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED by the Council
APPROVED by the Mayor

FEB 19, 2001
FEB 24, 2001



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2/19/01
9:37 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

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Est. Tax Lien Sale Commission regarding
tax lines on Senior Citizens' properties
ADOPT

YEAS: 14
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 0

Y McCarty	Y Dorsey	Y Moore	Y Thomas
Y Starnes	Y Woolard	Y Martin	Y Emmons
Y Bond	Y Morris	Y Maddox	Y Alexander
Y Winslow	NV Muller	Y Boazman	NV Pitts

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A Resolution by Councilmembers Michael Bond, Chita Winslow, Derrick Boazman, Juliea Williams, Jim Madrox, Debi Starnes, Doug Alexander, Vern McCarty and Chair Miller:

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FEB 19 2001

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

COUNCIL

Date Referred

2/5/01

Referred To:

Finance/Executive

Date Referred

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First Reading

Committee _____
 Date _____
 Chair _____
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Committee

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Chair

Action:

Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)

Other:

Members

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Committee

Date

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd
 Readings
☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☒ RC Vote

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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Barbara A. Pitts

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

APPROVED

FEB 24 2001

MAYOR